

## Torrens Blames Kidnaping on Mother-in-Law

Asserts She Persuaded His Wife to Leave Him and Would Not Let Him Visit Either Her or Their Child

### Frantic to See Infant

Wanted to Impress Cruelty of Separation on Mother, So He Carried Off Baby

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE**  
PATRICKSON, N. J., July 23.—Alfred J. Torrens, who is under arrest charged with kidnaping his infant daughter from the home of his wife's parents at Pompton Lake, gave out a statement today in which he admits taking the baby, but says he did so because he was frantic to see the child, and because he wanted to impress upon his wife the cruelty of a separation between parent and child.

He asserts that his mother-in-law persuaded his wife to leave him, and that after she was in her parents' home he was denied permission even to see the baby. He intimates that his arrest by Chief of Police Bert Miller of Pompton Lake was a breach of faith on the part of the latter, saying that a few days before his arrest he had been in communication with the Chief of Police and had agreed to return the baby at a specified time.

**Wife Refuses Reply to Statement**  
Counsel for Mrs. Torrens said the statement was of no account, and his client would make no reply to it at present. The statement, in part, follows: "It has been stated that my wife became betrothed to me without the consent and against the wishes of her parents. My wife's parents knew that we were about to become engaged. I had obtained their consent before our engagement was announced. Formal betrothal announcements were mailed by my wife's parents. I still have one of them. In celebration of our engagement, I took my wife and her mother to dinner and the theater in New York. The period of our engagement was a very happy one. It was only when it was suggested that a definite date for our marriage be set that any unpleasantness arose, and then Mrs. Simpson assumed the attitude that she did not know what she would do if her daughter left her."

"Mrs. Simpson became hysterical when we pressed the subject. This made my wife very unhappy. It is only in justice to myself, because of representations, that I should give to the public a letter, which was sent to me by my wife at the time and which shows that she was very unhappy, indeed, in her home because of the position her mother was taking and shows that Mr. Simpson was in sympathy with his daughter and myself. This is the letter: "Thursday night, 12:30. "Dear Alfred: Oh, what a night. Mamma has been carrying on like a fool. It took Marcia and Mrs. Ashworth all they could do to hold her down. They had to send me away. If dad was only home, I would feel a lot better. Don't think for a minute,

sweetheart, that I have changed. I love you all the more. "I will tell you all when I see you, and I know we will be happy pretty soon. Come up early Saturday evening. Do not worry, because we must be married shortly. "Love, MARGARET."

**Tells of Objection to Marriage**  
"Mr. Simpson had absolutely no objection to our marriage, and the only objection that Mrs. Simpson had was because she did not desire her daughter to leave her. We were married December 13, 1919, and I, at least, was happy and believed my wife to be. "The only rift in our happiness at the time of the marriage was caused by the statement made by my wife's mother, that she would get Margaret away from me and have her back yet. "After the birth of our child, some unpleasantness arose between my wife's family and myself because of the fact that they attempted to take complete charge of my household and regulate it to suit themselves. Naturally, I objected to this, and because of my objection my wife's family became very much incensed. On the 27th of November, about 1:30 in the morning, while I was asleep, my wife left me with the baby. After considerable search I found her at her sister's and persuaded her to come home. The next day, however, in my absence, my wife's father came to my wife and ordered her to go home with him that same day. I attempted to see my wife, but was refused permission to see either her or the baby. After numerous unsuccessful efforts to see my wife, I wrote to her stating that I could see persons in the right to enter the house of my people and order her to go home with him and that unless she returned to me, I would hold her father responsible. She then permitted me to see her and the baby at her father's home. At that time, I wanted to take the baby out with me, but she refused to permit this. I was ordered from the house that day."

**Tells Why He Took Child**  
"I visited her father's home later and tried to see her, and no one would answer the bell or come to the door. Although I could see persons in the house, I became distracted. I loved my wife so very dearly and my baby even more dearly. I had such a constant craving and longing to see my baby and hold it in my arms that it made me almost crazy. I can only say that it is only a father who has been deprived of his child who can fully appreciate how I felt. I conceived the idea that perhaps if I took the baby away from her for a day or so she then would know how terrible it was to be without the baby and how she was breaking my heart, and she might have some little pity for me as the father of the child and might come back to me or at least she would let me see the baby."

"I didn't know that any force was used and do not know it to this day. When I rushed into the house my whole idea was to get my baby and I did."

### Contest Brought Over Will of Dr. Burchard's Stepson

Relatives of Dr. Samuel D. Burchard, of "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" fame, are figuring in a will contest, it became known at the Surrogate's office yesterday. The contest is over the will of William J. Leeds, stepson of Dr. Burchard, who died on June 6 last. He was in the wholesale coffee business as Burchard & Co., at 265 Washington Street. In his will he asked to be buried in Greenwood Cemetery, in the grave next to that of Dr. Burchard. William J. Leeds, a nephew of the deceased, is bringing the contest, charging that his namesake and uncle was incompetent and unduly influenced when the will was made.

## Mother Gets Back Daughter Held 12 Years in Asylum

Woman's Fight in Court Rewarded and Girl Is Taken Home, Where Parent and Brother Provide Comforts

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE**  
NYACK, N. Y., July 23.—Fannie Terwilliger went home with her mother to-night after twelve years in the Syracuse State Hospital for Mental Defectives.

And for the homecoming her mother had prepared again the favorite dessert of the girl's childhood, a blackberry pie. It was with this news that she strove to break the tension of the moment for which she had waited for twelve years—the moment when the court would give her permission to take her daughter back home to live. Tears came easily to women under such circumstances, but not words that reveal their real feelings.

So when Mrs. Fannie Drake helped her twenty-one year old daughter into her automobile in front of the Supreme Court chambers here to-day, all she said was:

"Listen, darling, you've been a long time away from home, but mother has not forgotten what you like. There's a big blackberry pie at home. Hurry up, Frank, and get that car started."

The tears had all been shed earlier in the proceedings, when Mrs. Drake rushed up to the charge of an attendant from the state institution, and crushed her to her heart, for the first time in twelve years.

"My girl! My girl!" she sobbed. "I'll get you back. The good judge will let me take you home."

Fannie Terwilliger, the child of Mrs. Drake's first husband, was only nine years old when she was taken to the institution and her stepbrother, Frank, was also nine. Now, however, Frank earns a good salary in a Newburg carpet factory and wants his sister to come home to live. There is another brother, eight years old, who has never seen his sister.

Mrs. Drake told Judge Hopkins on the stand that when Frank became successful at the carpet factory he insisted that his mother give up working and devote her time to making a home for him and his little brother.

The little family circle was not complete, however, without Fannie, and the mother, living in the comforts of her pretty apartment in Newburgh, never could entirely forget the daughter who was doomed to the routine of an institution.

She never had been allowed to see her daughter, she told the judge, and had met with opposition from the authorities when she tried to have her released, although it had been stated that the girl's mental condition was now such that it was safe for her to leave the institution. Mrs. Drake appealed to the judge for the custody of her daughter.

"I will look after her and see that she lives a good life. She will be cared for and have a good home to live in, instead of an institution. Please judge, let her come home."

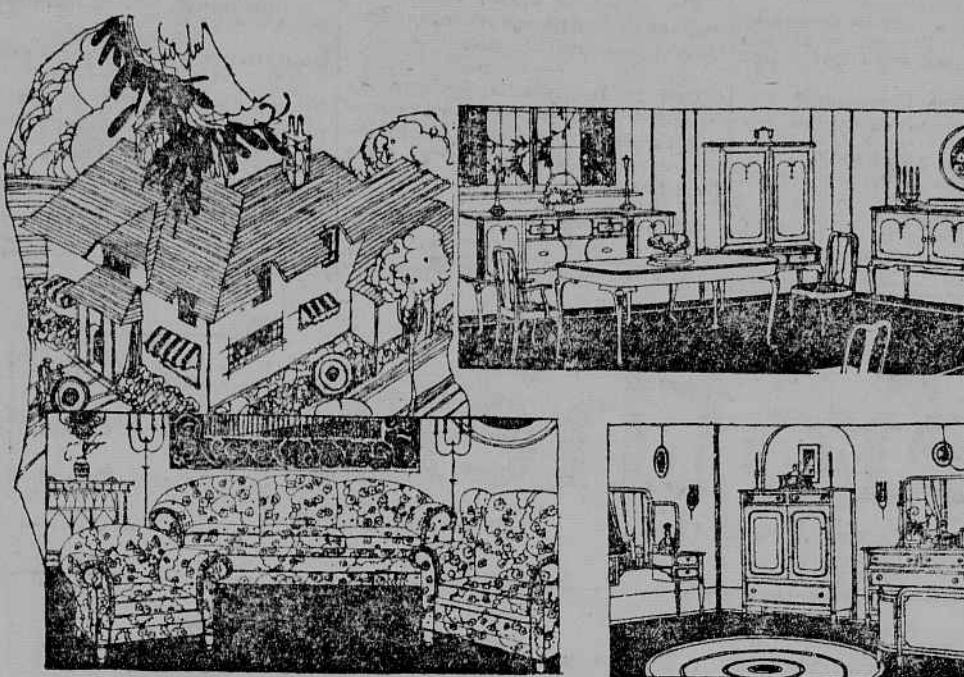
"Take her," said Judge Tompkins, "she is yours, Mrs. Drake, take her now and we will fix up these papers later. You want Fannie. Be good to her and the best of luck to you both."

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## Mid-Summer Sale of McCreery "Master-Made"

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Three-piece Library Suite, illustrated, upholstered in fine cut Mohair; outside backs covered in same material; Sofa, Arm Chair and Wing Chair. formerly 595.00, **375.00**

### Library Furniture

Three-piece Suite, upholstered in Tapestry with loose spring cushions. formerly 259.50, **154.50**

Sold separately: Sofa ..... **69.50**  
Arm Chair..... **42.50**  
Wing Chair..... **42.50**

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Arm Chair..... **59.50**  
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Berkley and Gay Secretary Desk, formerly 475.00, **237.50**

### Dining Room Furniture

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Ten-piece Solid Mahogany Suite, consisting of Buffet, China Cabinet, Extension and Side Tables, five Side Chairs and one Arm Chair. formerly 495.00, **297.50**

Ten-piece Queen Anne Model Suite, in Walnut, consisting of Buffet, China Cabinet, Extension and Side Tables, five side Chairs and one Arm Chair. formerly 795.00, **397.50**

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Ten-piece Queen Anne Model Suite, consisting of Buffet, China Cabinet, Extension Table, Linen Cabinet, five Side Chairs and one Arm Chair. formerly 587.50, **375.00**

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Five-piece Queen Anne Chamber Suite, in Newby Walnut, consisting of 50-inch Dresser, Chiffonade, Vanity Table and Twin Beds. formerly 825.00, **478.00**

Four-piece Suite in American Walnut, consisting of Dresser, Chiffonade, Vanity Case and bow-end Bed. formerly 610.00, **297.50**

Four-piece Suite in Mahogany, consisting of 50-inch Dresser, Chiffonade, Toilet Table and bow-end Bed. formerly 495.00, **367.50**

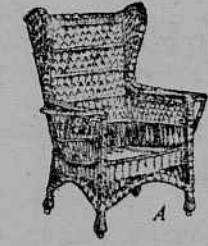
Four-piece Suite in Crotched Mahogany, consisting of 50-inch Dresser, Chiffonade, Vanity Case and bow-end Bed. formerly 750.00, **495.00**

Four-piece Suite in American Walnut. formerly 350.00, **175.00**

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All reduced in price—many items lower than in previous sales.

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8.50 doz. Irish All Linen Huck Towels, hemstitched.....doz., **6.00**

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7.50 Real Madeira Luncheon Sets, hand embroidered, 13 pieces. set, **5.75**

9.50 doz. Real Madeira Tea Napkins, hand embroidered corners. doz., **6.75**

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10.00 Hand Crochet Luncheon Sets, 13 pieces. set, **6.75**

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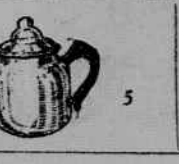
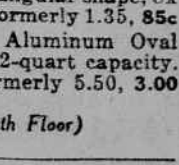
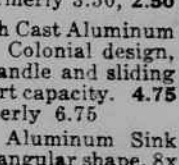
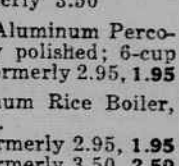
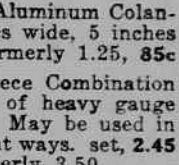
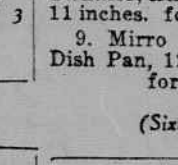
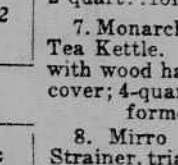
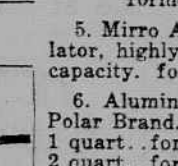
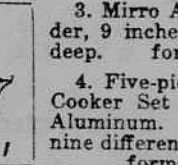
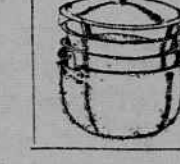
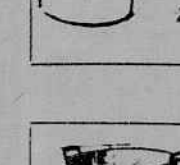
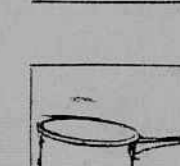
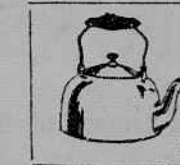
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